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CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

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13. (new) A stop module for delimiting a pivot motion, the module comprising:

a housing having a substantially annular groove-like recess;
a rotation body pivotably disposed in said housing, said rotation body having a catch disposed on a side thereof to follow a trajectory of pivot motion;
a stop disposed on said housing side and having a damping element for delimiting a motion of said catch, said stop being disposed in a circular or circular segment-shaped trajectory of said catch; and
at least one spherical intermediate element disposed between said catch and said stop and substantially freely guided along said trajectory of said catch within said groove-like recess, said intermediate element being supported on said housing and also on said stop when said catch impinges.

14. (new) The stop module of claim 13, wherein said intermediate element is designed such that forces exerted by said intermediate element onto said stop are transmitted substantially without transverse components.

15. (new) The stop module of claim 13, wherein several free running intermediate elements are disposed next to each other.

16. (new) The stop module of claim 15, wherein all intermediate elements have identical design.
17. (new) The stop module of claim 13, wherein said intermediate element is guided in a direct vicinity of said stop along a path extending tangentially to said trajectory of said catch and in axial extension of said stop.
18. (new) The stop module of claim 13, wherein said housing is designed such that a number of intermediate elements can be changed to adjust a pivot angle.
19. (new) The stop module of claim 13, wherein said stop is adjustably disposed on said housing to adjust a pivot angle.
20. (new) The stop module of claim 13, wherein two stops are disposed in said trajectory of said catch for delimiting a pivot motion in both directions thereof.
21. (new) The stop module of claim 13, wherein said stop comprises a fixed stop and a damper, wherein said damper damps a motion of said catch before said catch impinges on said fixed stop.
22. (new) The stop module of claim 21, wherein said damper comprises an elastically resilient plastic material, an elastomeric material, or a piston rod of a damping piston.
23. (new) The stop module of claim 21, wherein said fixed stop surrounds said damper like a sleeve, wherein said damper projects past said fixed stop in an axial direction.
24. (new) A pivot unit comprising the stop module of claim 13.